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► Grade 7 student
Angela Macandili demonstrates
her remote-control Domo Dog Walker
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featuring a scoop and a box for carrying items.

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Kids invent darndest things

Yesterday's fourth-annual Invention Convention at TELUS Plaza saw 800 students, in grades 7 and 8, showcase creations, such as Angela Macandili's double-duty contraption.

No surprises, Harper says

► Longtime observers believe Harper — with his eye on the long game — may just prove more malleable as a majority prime minister

Stephen Harper begins his third term as Canada's prime minister the same way he began his second: With soothing promises to govern conservatively and reach out to his political opponents.

But will the third time really prove the charm after a five-year parliamentary donnybrook?

With his long-sought Conservative majority finally safe in his pocket, the question of where Harper leads the country was on everyone's mind yesterday.

"One thing I've learned in this business is that surprises are generally not well received by the public," the prime minister said at a news conference in Calgary, hours after winning 167-seats in the 308-seat House of Commons.

"And so we intend to move forward with what Canadians understand about us and I think what they're more and more

**"We will have to
govern well, govern
in people's interest.
Even as a majority you
have to, on an ongoing
basis, keep the trust
of the population."**

PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER

comfortable with."

Some of those elements are abundantly clear:

- Ongoing cuts to corporate tax rates.
- Ongoing increases to provincial health-care transfers.
- Many more felons behind bars for longer terms, in more prisons.
- An end to the long-gun registry.
- An end to the per-vote taxpayer subsidy of political parties.
- New laws targeting group refugee

arrivals by boat.

• Relaxation of rules for the telecom industry and foreign investment.

But other elements of the Conservative agenda are clouded in ambiguity.

Will there be deep cuts to government program spending to balance the books?

What direction for the country's federal broadcast regulator, the CRTC?

Will the Canadian Wheat Board's monopoly be broken?

Will Canada attempt to meet its greenhouse gas reduction targets?

And what kind of candidates will be appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada when three of the nine justices reach mandatory retirement age over the next four years? **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Grits ponder life after Iggy {page 6}



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NAIT athletics fee hike approved

NAIT students will be paying 300 per cent more for their athletics fee after the school's board of governors approved the hike Monday night.

The cost to use the NAIT athletic facilities will go from \$43 to \$140.

The increase will go towards creating a better facility with new equipment and longer operating hours. According to a poll, roughly 90 per cent of students opposed the hike and only 23 students use the sports facilities, said Govind Pillai, president of the NAIT Students' Association. **● METRO**

Alberta cuts emissions

The provincial government announced that Alberta's emission-reduction program saw greenhouse gases reduced by 6.5 million tonnes in 2010. The reduction is equal to removing 1.3 million cars from the road for a year.

"I am extremely pleased with the accomplishments of Alberta's emission-reduction program," Environment Minister Rob Renner said.

Alberta has also invested more funds towards emission-reducing technologies than all other provinces combined, according to the Conference Board of Canada. From 2010 to 2014, \$6.1 billion dollars was invested.

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▶ Chris Eagle, president and CEO of Alberta Health Services, yesterday announced a realignment of the organization's leadership structure. The new plan will transfer more decision-making to the front lines.

AHS to divide up decision-making

▶ More power to each of province's five zones ▶ Change means emphasis on people instead of processes: AHS



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Those on the front lines of health care are getting more power, as Alberta Health Services moves away from a centralized system.

AHS announced yesterday a realignment of its leadership structure to transfer more decision-making to its five zones.

"We're putting the five

operating zones as our core elements," said Chris Eagle, president and CEO. "And within those zones there will be a single point of accountability, a single leader, for each of the zones."

Eagle said physicians and other clinical leaders were the main drivers behind the change, and that they will be more involved in planning and service delivery.

"They just don't feel they have the appropriate em-

powerment," he said.

Eagle said it isn't a reversal of a move three years ago, when nine regional health authorities turned into one health superboard.

"When you're looking at a \$1.3 billion operating budget deficit, you have to centralize a lot of your decisions," said Eagle, adding circumstances are different now.

Some services will remain centralized, such as payroll and transplanta-

New changes

- ▶ There will be five senior vice-presidents, one for each zone. The current 85 vice-presidents will remain.
- ▶ The head of each of the five zones (Edmonton, Calgary, North, Central and South) will report to a chief operating officer.
- ▶ Changes at the senior level will be complete by the end of the month while other changes could take up to nine months.

tion, but others need to be customized for each area.

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PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Mount Royal university to offer midwifery degree

With a growing demand for midwives in Alberta, Mount Royal University in Calgary officially announced its new one-of-a-kind degree in Alberta Monday.

The four-year bachelor of midwifery degree will prepare midwives to offer primary health care to women during pregnancy, through childbirth and into the first six weeks of the babies' lives.

"Training and educating more midwives will mean more expectant mothers will get the quality care they want and need throughout the most important experience in their lives," said Gene Zwodzesky, Minister of Health and Wellness. The degree will combine theoretical knowledge with practical experience. ● CANDICE WARD

Youth to learn about safe driving

An event focusing on distracted driving hopes to have youth thinking twice before sending LOL.

If not, it could be OMG.

As part of Edmonton Youth Week, Shawna Serniak, agency manager of Allstate Insurance, said that the goal of the Action Against Distraction event is to teach the dangers of driving distracted to those getting their licences in the near future.

"Let's start with the youth, especially with cellphones and texting being so popular," Serniak said.

"It's hard to teach an

4 Driving while distracted is like driving after four beers, says Shawna Serniak of Allstate.

old dog a new trick."

With Bill 16 possibly coming into effect by the middle of this year, drivers could soon be facing a \$172 fine for using their cellphones while driving.

Serniak said more accidents are caused by distracted driving than by drunk driving.

The free event takes place at the Delwood hall from 7 to 8 p.m. today.

● NANCY GORDY

Losing candidates reflect on election

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► Chris Vallee, Green candidate in Edmonton-Sherwood Park, takes down a campaign sign along Victoria Trail yesterday. While he came fifth in his riding, Elizabeth May won one seat for the party.

► Tories kept hold on 7 local ridings, NDP on 1 ► Liberals, Greens got fewest votes in most Edmonton ridings

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Taking down signs wasn't the only facet of campaign cleanup as Edmonton candidates reflected yesterday on their losses and gains after Prime Minister Stephen Harper received a majority Conservative mandate on Monday night.

While the NDP became Canada's official Opposition for the first time, the Liberals suffered a devastating blow, losing more than half their seats.

Liberal candidate Mary MacDonald placed third to Tory incumbent Laurie Hawt and the NDP's Lewis Cardinal in Edmonton-Centre.

"(It) was a tough night," she said. "We always knew we had to run a good campaign here. But we needed a bump from the national campaign that wasn't there."

Meanwhile, Green candidate Chris Vallee celebrated

Edmonton votes

According to Elections Canada, more than 56 per cent of Edmonton voters marked Conservative on their ballots Monday.

► Nearly 26 per cent voted for the NDP, and 10.4 per cent voted for the Liberals.

a victory as he collected signs in Edmonton-Sherwood Park.

"Obviously we're all thrilled that Elizabeth May got in," he said of the Green party's first seat. "Although I think no one was expecting a Conservative majority to come out of this."

Vallee said he got the feeling while door knocking that people wanted change. He said he hopes increased NDP presence and May's seat "will be enough of an opposition."

Both MacDonald and Vallee said they plan to run again in their respective ridings.

Campaign cleanup

\$250 per sign.

The city is reminding both candidates and residents that plastic and cardboard signs can be recycled at depots, the Ambleside Eco Station or the Edmonton Waste Management Centre.

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Candidates have until midnight Thursday to remove all campaign signs, otherwise they could face a fine of up to

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NDP SURGE

Barely legal voter is now MP

They were a motley crew of underdogs with virtually no political experience.

One of them, a 19-year-old, was not only voting in his first election but also became the youngest person ever elected to Canada's Parliament.

Pierre-Luc Dusseault, a 19-year-old student of applied politics at the Université de Sherbrooke, now becomes the youngest member of Parliament in Canadian history, according to the House of Commons website.

He surpasses Claude-André Lachance, a

elected at age 20 in 1974.

Two others won francophone ridings despite being accused of struggling in French. One spent a week vacationing in Las Vegas during the campaign.

Many admitted to having low expectations when the writ was dropped.

Yet they were among dozens of unlikely Quebec NDP candidates who won Monday. Many will bring impressive backgrounds into Parliament.

Among the newcomers are a former diplomat, a prominent Cree leader and an ex-Liberal MP once considered a shoo-in for a cabinet post.

The McGill Daily reported yesterday that four McGill University students also won for the NDP on Monday night.

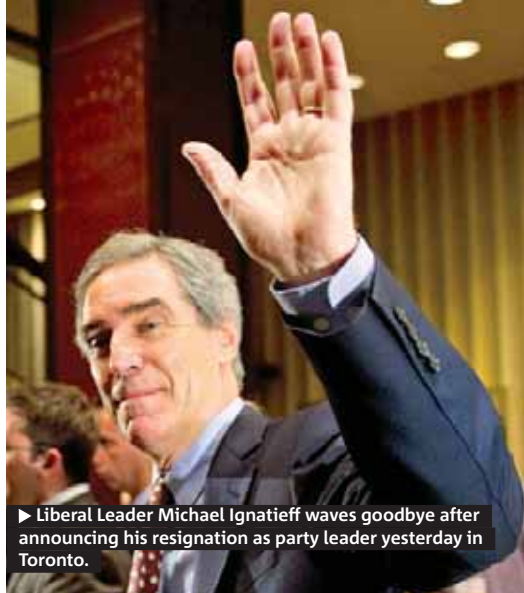
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► Pierre-Luc Dusseault

Ignatieff resigns, party left in ruins

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► Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff waves goodbye after announcing his resignation as party leader yesterday in Toronto.

► Iggy blames Tory attack ads for demise ► NDP merger talks floating

Debate over the Liberal party's future began raging even before Michael Ignatieff announced yesterday that he will resign as leader.

Toronto MP Bob Rae, a likely contender to succeed Ignatieff, triggered much of the talk with a blunt assessment that the decimated party can't avoid discussing the possibility of merging with the ascendant NDP.

Ignatieff weighed in against the idea but acknowledged he won't be calling the shots after leading the Liberals to a blood-bath Monday, in which he even lost his seat.

"I will not be remaining as leader of this party," Ignatieff told red-eyed sup-



"It's hard to see how the discussion could be avoided."

BOB RAE ON A POSSIBLE MERGER BETWEEN THE LIBERALS AND NDP

porters during an emotional news conference in Toronto.

"I will work out with the party officials the best timing for a departure."

He indicated that he expects his successor will likely be chosen in the fall.

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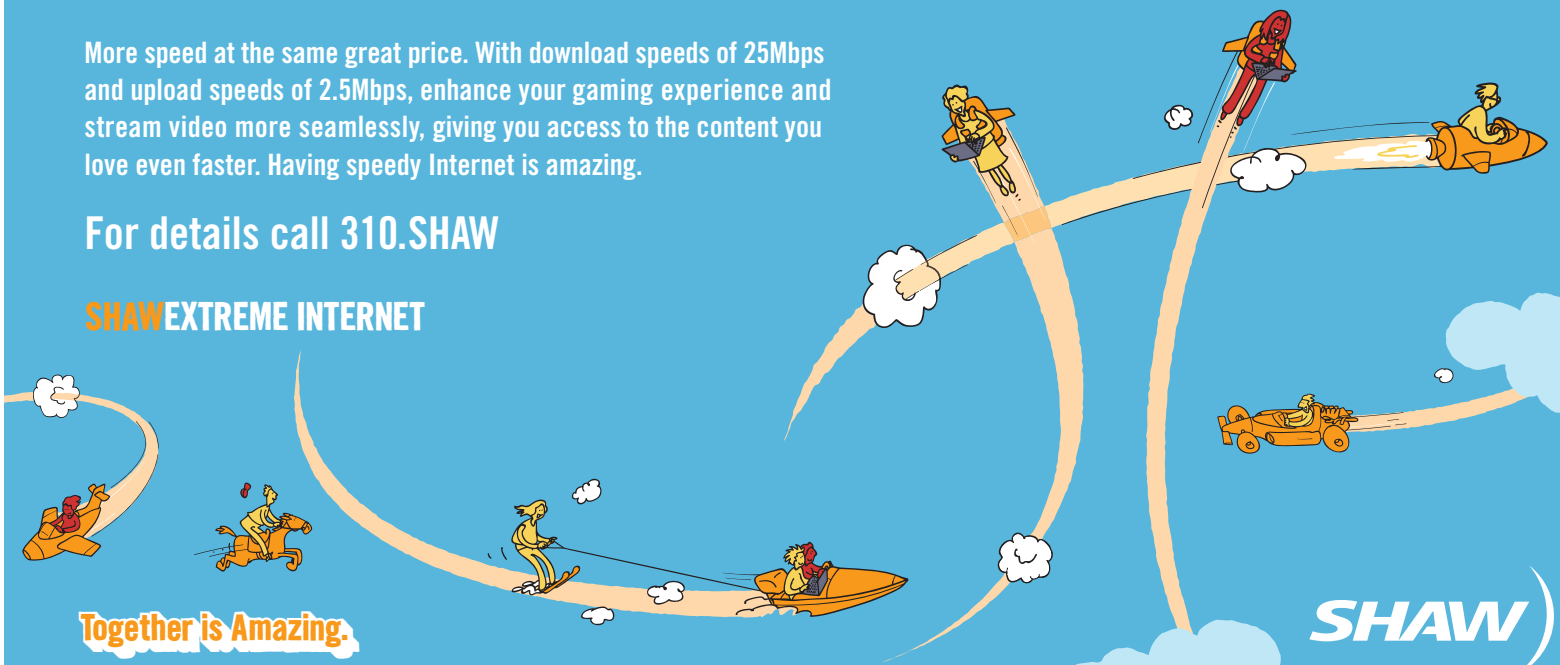
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Hidden in plain sight: The elusive Osama bin Laden

► U.S. presses Pakistani government on al-Qaida leader's benefactors ► Military intelligence comes under scrutiny

Congress may consider cutting the almost \$1.3 billion in annual U.S. aid to Pakistan if it turns out the Islamabad government knew where Osama bin Laden was hiding, the head of the U.S. senate intelligence committee said yesterday.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, said she wants more details from CIA director Leon Panetta and others about the Pakistani government's role.

Incredulous lawmakers are pressing Pakistan for



► Time magazine cover

answers to two simple questions: What did its army and intelligence agents know of bin Laden's whereabouts and when did they know it?

The al-Qaida terrorist leader behind the attacks against the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, lived and died in a massive, fortified compound built in 2005 and located on the outskirts of Abbottabad, a small city that is mere kilometres from the capital of Islamabad.

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Traders love majority

► But feel-good effects were quickly overtaken by global economic crises

A business-friendly Conservative majority government gave financial markets some cause for comfort yesterday. But the news failed to inspire gains on the Toronto stock market, which tumbled almost 250 points as investors focused on headwinds facing equity markets.

Traders were relieved to

see a majority win in Monday's election since it removes a degree of political uncertainty. But analysts said there were plenty of other things for investors to worry about.

"The Mideast is in turmoil, the U.S. is in turmoil and probably will continue to be as it figures out it has a long-term economic problem. And you have the

European debt crisis," said John O'Connell, chief executive of Davis Rea Ltd.

The election cleared the way for the federal budget to be passed. Analysts expect the Conservatives will retable the budget introduced by Jim Flaherty this spring, which offered several tax credits for small businesses.

But corporate Canada

could face higher bills. The government had planned to make changes in the way partnerships work that previously allowed for the deferral of corporate tax. Also on the agenda were changes to the rules governing the way dividends are paid. The measures would boost government revenue.

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Apple unveils 2011 iMacs

Apple's upgraded line of iMacs boasts faster processors, higher-resolution cameras and a new type of data port.

But those aren't the most interesting features of the new desktop computers. Apple's Magic Mouse is making way for the Magic Trackpad, both of which are standard options with the 2011 models.

Apple launched the Magic Trackpad last year. The 12.7-centimetre-square glass surface, backed by aluminum, is a larger version of the trackpad that comes with Apple's MacBooks. Some Mac users prefer the giant touch surface to the Magic Mouse.

The new iMacs also come with Intel quad-core processors, which had been available as an upgrade to the standard dual-core processors of the previous generation. Apple said the new models are up to 70 per cent faster.

The 54.61-centimetre iMac (\$1,199) has a single Thunderbolt port, which can carry data at speeds 20 times faster than most USB ports. The 68.58-centimetre iMac (\$1,699) has two Thunderbolt ports.

Apple introduced Thunderbolt on MacBook Pro laptops in February. The port was developed by Intel Corp. Apple last revamped its iMacs in October 2009.

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Ford vaults to No. 1 in sales

Ford Canada has reported its best April since 2000, making it the country's top-selling automaker last month.

Detroit-based Ford said Canadian sales rose nine per cent to 25,548 vehicles from 23,441 in the same month last year. Ford saw car sales rise 33 per cent, while truck sales were up

three per cent as higher gas prices drove some consumers to make more fuel-efficient choices.

Meanwhile, sales at Honda Canada fell six per cent to 12,269 units, as the car maker dealt with parts shortages in the wake of the March 11 earthquake.

Hyundai Auto Canada

Corp. said April sales have broken its all-time record for a single month, with 14,267 units sold, a gain of 14.2 per cent over last year.

Volvo Canada also reported double-digit growth in April, with 705 vehicles sold, up 11.4 per cent from March.

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Wheel. Dealer



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Toronto's whistling Bixi

Bixi, the bicycle-sharing system that turned Montreal into a city on wheels, rolled into Toronto yesterday. A runaway success, Bixi launched in May 2009, and within a year had expanded to 5,000 bicycles and 400 stations in downtown Montreal. Herb van den Dool, a volunteer with the Toronto Cyclists Union, says the program will be great for tourists who want to see the sights. With systems in 10 cities worldwide, Bixi last year reported revenue of \$33 million and net income of \$7 million.

Market moment

TSX	Dollar
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PICTURE LAB RATS WITH HEADPHONES

JUST SAYIN' ...

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What scientists do all day is kind of a mystery.

We imagine they spend their days searching for a cure for cancer or watching the polar ice caps melt.

Not all of them, it turns out. A team of scientists at the University of Kentucky listens to tunes all day.

Hey, they're just like us!

Before you start imagining a bunch of guys with lumpy sweaters and sensible shoes gettin' jiggy with The Black Eyed Peas, remember, these are scientists and there's a serious point to all this.

To wit: After running three decades of hit songs through the computer, Dr. Nathan DeWall, a psychologist at the above-mentioned grooveyard of golden goodies, has discovered a significant trend toward narcissism and hostility in popular music.

"... Dr. Nathan DeWall, a psychologist at the above-mentioned grooveyard of golden goodies, has discovered a significant trend toward narcissism and hostility in popular music."

Not sure he needs a research lab for that ... all he really needs is an iPod and Eminem's Greatest Hits, but he's on to something.

Thirty years ago, everyone was having a good time (Kool & The Gang: Celebration); racial harmony (Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder: Ebony And Ivory); and togetherness (Sister Sledge: We Are Family).

These days, forget about peace and love, it's just about me. Or Justin Timberlake ("I'm bringing sexy back"), or Beyoncé ("It's blazin'. You watch me in amazement"), and Fergie

("It's personal, myself and I.")

As for the bred-in-the-hood surliness of Eminem and his posse, DeWall factored in a control for hip hop so those lyrics wouldn't unfairly dominate his study.

He discovered that although pop music may be dominated by barely weaned puppies like Justin Bieber, it's not all love songs to Dora The Explorer. No one is feeling the love much these days, unless it's love of self. Exhibit A: Keri Hilson's "All eyes on me when I walk in, no question that this girl's a 10."

It's hard to believe things can change so much in a single generation, but guess what happens when the only subject taught in school is self-esteem? Then when you go to college, it's Self-Esteem 101, Advanced Self-Esteem 201, etc.

Ergo: Pop self-esteem sells. I don't need a scientist to tell me that. In fact, I don't need anyone to tell me what to think. I'm the greatest writer in the world, and I'll think whatever I feel like thinking. And if you don't like that, remember Cee Lo Green's message in his 2010 Billboard Top 100 hit, F--- You.

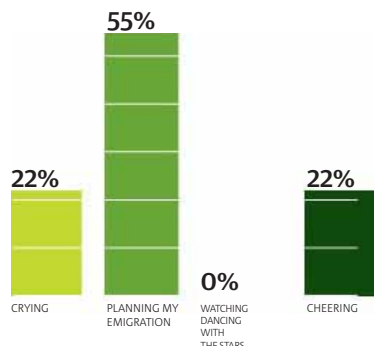
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How did you spend election night?



Worth mentioning

NEW YORK. The best place in the world to be a mom is Norway, where maternal and child mortality rates are low, women's life expectancy and years in school are high, and the average maternity leave is about one year, a new study measuring the well-being of mothers and babies shows.

Australia and Iceland join Norway at the top of Save The Children's 12th annual Mothers Index, released yesterday. Canada ranks 20th, the United States places 31st and Afghanistan is last.

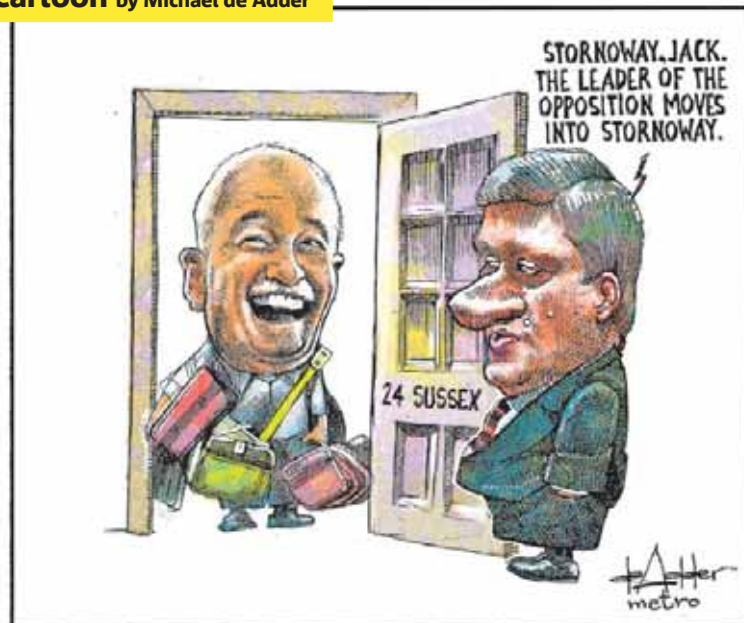
The international non-profit group's ranking analyzes the maternal and child indicators and other published information of 164 countries.

The survey considers Afghanistan the worst place to be a mother, with women having a life expectancy of 45 years — the world's lowest — and one of every 11 women dying in childbirth. One of every five children in the country doesn't live to age five.

By contrast, a typical Norwegian woman lives to be 83 years old, and just one in 175 will lose a child before his or her fifth birthday.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Fanning the flames of transit rage

Temper can flare when your morning commute turns into a delay-induced sit-in.

But while many of us tear up our tickets, tweet our frustrations and glare at the teenager blaring his iPod who keeps kicking the seat, a group of Argentinean travellers went a few steps further: they decided to burn down the train.

The rail roasting was ignited Mon-

day, during the morning-rush-hour commute that brings workers from the suburbs into Buenos Aires. But instead of being glided into the city, passengers were left stranded for 30 minutes after a train derailment.

That's when the rage set in and eight carriages at three commuter stations went up in flames, with violence quickly spreading from the Haedo stop to the nearby stations of Ramos Mejia and Cuidadela.

The angry mob of commuters also forcefully removed train drivers and an inspector from a train and stole ticket boxes from one station. Three passengers were arrested over the incidents, federal police Deputy Chief Hugo Matzkin told the Buenos Aires Herald. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



► Chris Hemsworth admits it took effort to bulk up for the role of Thor.

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Scene in brief



Zach Galifianakis leads the 15th annual Webby Awards with four awards for his Between Two Ferns With Zach Galifianakis Web series.

Other winners include Lisa Kudrow, Arcade Fire and Justin Bieber.

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The Book of Mormon gets a leading 14 Tony Award nominations; The Scottsboro Boys gets 12.

Thor looks good in 3-D

► Director Kenneth Branagh says the most important part of the film was casting Thor

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Tasked with bringing Thor from the comic book pages to the big screen, director Kenneth Branagh couldn't help but feel a bit daunted.

The scale of the undertaking couldn't help but make you feel that way, he says. "It was very, very challenging, but that was a part of what was attractive," says Branagh.

Luckily, producer and Marvel honcho Kevin Feige was there to keep him on task: "On Day One, I asked Kevin, 'What should I do first?'" Branagh remem-

bers. "And he said, 'The one thing you need to do right now — and until it's finished — is cast Thor. That's it. Just cast Thor.'"

Not an easy task as it turns out, though as the story for the film developed, Branagh found himself circling back to a young actor who had read early in the casting process: Chris Hemsworth.

"You're looking for really a lot tied up in one bundle," Branagh says of the character, the Norse god of thunder who is cast out of Asgard by his father, Odin.

"At one point we said, 'We should go back and meet that very handsome

Australian lad who came in.' There was this required quality of an innate, charming confidence that did not spill over into arrogance that meant he would stand up in a scene with Anthony Hopkins."

Of course that's not all Hemsworth had going for him: "When he takes his shirt off there's obviously a wow factor that cannot be denied," Branagh says.

Bulking up enough to earn those accolades wasn't easy for 27-year-old Hemsworth — though it wasn't the weight-lifting that gave him the most trouble.

"The most uncomfort-

able thing was the eating," Hemsworth says. "I just don't naturally sit at that weight, so I'd have to force-feed myself with ... 20 chicken breasts and rice and steak. All very boring, sort of plain things. That was the most exhausting part of the whole film."

What was daunting for Hemsworth was working with the veteran Hopkins. The younger actor wasn't prepared for Hopkins' brand of humour.

"I remember being on set our first day with Tony and going through the rehearsal, and Tony saying, 'Is that how you're going to do it?' and then going, 'He's

kidding, right?'" Hemsworth remembers. "That's a big thing I learned from Tony — have a good time doing it. What should've been the most intimidating experience walking in was the most enjoyable."

As it turns out, Thor wasn't Hemsworth's favourite choice when it comes to superheroes — not that he isn't thrilled to play him.

"I would run around the house pretending to be (Superman). At some stage when I was a kid I also had a Robin costume ... A nice pair of green underwear and a yellow shirt and red cape."

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"I really hope bin laden didn't get reincarnated as one of Mariah Carey's babies."



▶ Rob Lowe

Sheen rejects offer of help from Rob Lowe

Rob Lowe, who himself has been sober for 21 years, says he's offered help to longtime friend Charlie Sheen, but the offer wasn't exactly well-received. "I love Charlie deeply, always have. I've always wanted him to be healthy, happy and together. But he's doing it his way for better or worse," Lowe tells Popeater. "I say, 'Charlie come my way.' ... To put it mildly, he's not interested."

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Royal couple may head for Hollywood

▶ Looks like William and Kate will drop by to see the Beckham clan

Prince William and his new wife may be heading to Hollywood, according to royal family expert Andrew Morton. "Royal aides have penciled in a two day visit to Hollywood at the end of their tour of Canada, which takes place in late June and early July," Morton reports.

Morton says it's likely that royal wedding guests David and Victoria Beckham would be involved in the L.A. visit. ● METRO



Wedding will have to weight



▶ Jessica Simpson

Jessica Simpson is excited about marrying fiancé Eric Johnson, but she reportedly won't do it until she's dropped a few more pounds, according to Hollyscoop. "They were hoping for an early summer wedding, but pushed it back so they both have a chance to shed extra pounds," a source says.

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Looks like Pussycat Doll has X Factor

While there's still no word from Simon Cowell on the list of judges for the U.S. edition of the X Factor, Pussycat Dolls singer Nicole Scherzinger is reportedly set to be the host of the new show, according to People magazine.

Scherzinger was a guest judge on the British version last year. While Cowell hasn't made any official announcements yet, he's



▶ Nicole Scherzinger

previously expressed his affinity for Scherzinger: "I absolutely adore her. She's gorgeous and ruthlessly ambitious," he said. ● METRO

Sudeikis: Bummed out over mommy track

While pregnant January Jones is keeping mum on the identity of her baby's father, her desire to start a family is reportedly what hastened the end of her relationship with Saturday Night Live star Jason Sudeikis, according to Us

Weekly. "Jason was bummed out she was on the mommy track," a source says. The couple called things off in January, and the source doubts Sudeikis is the father: "If Jason were the dad, he'd step it up." ● METRO

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Travel in brief



Whale watching companies are predicting a successful season this year in the Strait of Georgia after numerous orca sightings in recent weeks. The whale watching season kicked off April 1 and runs until October. On the web: vancouverwhale-watch.com and seabreezeadventures.ca
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A girls getaway to Mexico

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Some people can relax quickly by hopping a flight to a random all-inclusive beach vacation. Others, I found out on a recent girls' getaway trip to Cancun and the Riviera Maya, need a few extras to kickstart the decompression.

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Skilled spa therapists again reduce us to mellow Jell-O. Outside, the atmosphere has a bit more of a party vibe than the Excellence Playa Mujeres.

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There's sightseeing, hiking, fossil hunting, boating, whale watching, tidal bore rafting, fishing, camping and, of course, enjoying the variety of delicious seafood.

The 270-kilometre-long Bay of Fundy is bordered by the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and features the world's highest tides.

More than 100 billion tonnes of seawater flow in and out of the bay during each tide cycle, resulting in dramatic changes along the shoreline.

In places like Hopewell Cape, N.B., you can go kayaking, and just six hours later be walking on the ocean floor.

"If the tides are that high, they're also that low, so they go out several kilometres in several locations around the bay," said Terri McCulloch, executive director of Bay of Fundy



► There are 12 species of whales in the Bay of Fundy.

Tourism. "There is an opportunity for people of all ages to explore the ocean floor at low tide."

McCulloch recommends Alma Beach and numerous places along the Fundy Trail in New Brunswick, as well as the Parrsboro area in Nova Scotia as places to safely walk on the ocean floor when the tide is out.

The Fundy Trail — which runs between St. Martin's, N.B., and Fundy National Park — offers visitors lots of opportunities to experience the bay from scenic vistas, as well as ex-

cellent driving, biking and hiking routes.

In St. Martin's you can see the caves that have been carved into the cliffs by the tides. Here there are a number of quaint bed-and-breakfasts, and a number of places that boast the best seafood chowder — a claim you'll hear in many places around the bay.

Speaking of food, there's never a lack of fresh lobster, clams or mussels to feast on anywhere on the New Brunswick or Nova Scotia sides of the bay. Smoked salmon is another

delicacy the bay is known for.

If viewing marine life is more your fancy, there are many whale watching companies that offer tours in the outer areas of the bay — particularly between Grand Manan Island and St. Andrews, N.B.

"We have 12 species of whales in the bay," McCulloch said. "The right whales are probably best known because they are an endangered species and we are the summer feeding habitat for those whales."

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In Bajan history the plantation looms large. The end of the sugar cane harvest was an end to heavy work and a time for celebration—singing, dancing, music of all kinds. And while the colonial period is long gone in Barbados, the celebration remains. For some fourteen weeks in the summertime, the entire island throws a party. This is Crop Over, and you're invited.

Crop Over begins in May with the Super Six Calvades, continuing with Heritage Fairs highlighting artists and craftspeople in their respective villages, and culminates in

August with lights, colours and booming sounds—Barbados' answer to Carnival. The soundtrack to Crop Over is calypso, a musical form using syncopated rhythms and satirical lyrics to agitate and entertain. Competition between calypso artists is fierce during Crop Over, and never more so than on Pic-o-de-crop, the last Friday of the festival, when a 'calypso king' is crowned. It takes more than a good voice to be king—performers must command every aspect of the stage, including dancing, costume and props, to catch a judge's eye.

As Crop Over moves ahead, so too do its events, growing in scale and extravagance day by day. The last Sunday of the festival is Cohoblopot ('a mix of things'); a blending of dance, drama and music, performed onstage before crowds of thousands. Cohoblopot performers represent Barbados' top talent, and such is the prestige of the event that today, artists from across the Caribbean take part. Patrons begin streaming into venues in the early evening, outfitted with coolers, rags and flags, forming their own colourful parade.

Crop Over's grand finale is known as 'Grand Kadooment'; a summer street carnival featuring large, costumed bands and fireworks. Kadooment Day is a national holiday in Barbados; a time when the dividing line being spectator and reveler blurs, with performers and crowds alike making their way from National Stadium to Spring Garden Highway, accompanied by the sounds of calypso. The bands' outfits represent various themes, and like many

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Countertop Napoleons

Who knew a panini press and a package of frozen puff pastry could be combined to create such a light and elegant dessert?

Best yet, the whole thing comes together in little time and with even less mess.

You simply thaw the puff pastry (available in the grocer's freezer section), cut it into squares, then throw it on the panini press. Cooking the pastry on a panini press makes for perfectly golden, crisp and gently puffed flaky layers. Once the pastry is cooked, you layer them with whipped cream (you can use purchased if you want to make this dish even faster and easier) and fresh berries.

The result is a dessert to rival restaurant offerings.

The panini press is most often used to make pressed sandwiches. Now these appliances are being employed to create creative appetizers and desserts.

You can buy an electric panini press for as little as \$40, or as much \$300.

The models around \$100 often offer the most versatility at the best price point.

Preparation:

- 1 Heat a panini press or countertop grill.
- 2 Cut each sheet of puff pastry into nine 3-by-3-inch (7.5-by-7.5-cm) squares. Working in batches, cook pastry squares with cover set gently down on them for 4 minutes or until lightly browned and cooked. Transfer to plate to cool; set aside.
- 3 In bowl, using electric mixer, whip cream until stiff peaks form. Fold in sour cream, orange marmalade and honey.
- 4 Spread layer of whipped cream over 6 of pastry squares. Top each with berries, then another square. Repeat with another layer of whipped cream, fruit and a third pastry square. Finish with a final layer of cream, then fruit. Dust with icing sugar.

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Ingredients:

- 1 pkg (450 g) frozen butter puff pastry sheets, thawed
- 1 cup (250 mL) 35% whipping cream
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) sour cream
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) orange marmalade
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) liquid honey
- 12 oz (340 g) fresh raspberries
- Icing sugar

Grilled Halloumi, Apple & Honey



Here's proof that you can craft an elegant appetizer using nothing but a panini press.

This recipe uses halloumi, a Greek cheese that stands up to the heat of the press. Unlike most cheeses, halloumi will soften but not melt.

This makes it ideal for grilling directly on the panini press.

Ingredients:

- 1 firm tart apple (such as Granny Smith), quartered and cored
- 8 oz (250 g) halloumi cheese, cut into 8 slices
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) liquid honey
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) torn fresh basil
- Ground black pepper
- Slices of crusty bread

Preparation:

- 1 Heat a panini press or countertop grill to medium-high.
- 2 Slice each apple quarter into 3 slices. Arrange slices on grill, lower top and cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until just tender and lightly browned on the outside. Arrange slices on a serving platter.
- 3 Use paper towel to wipe grill to remove any moisture left by apples. Add cheese slices, lower top and cook 3 or until browned on both sides. Arrange cheese on platter with apples.
- 4 Drizzle apples and cheese with honey; sprinkle with basil and pepper. Serve with bread.

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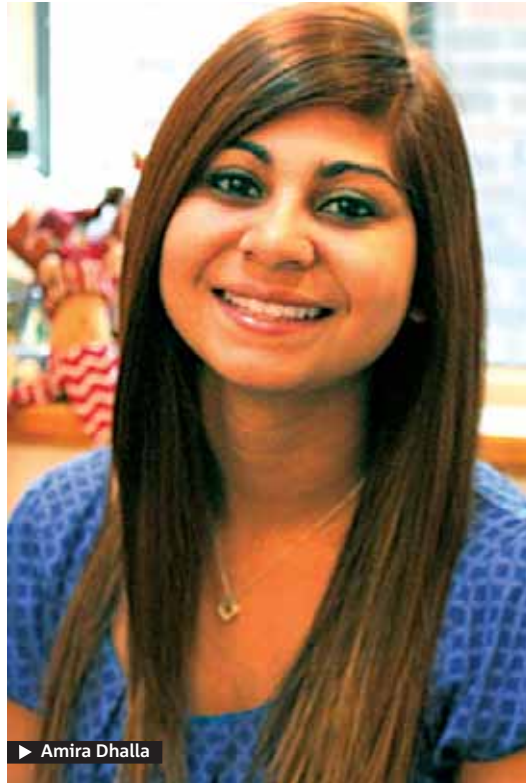
Having always had a flair for marketing, I went into university thinking I knew exactly what I wanted to do when I graduated: work for a consumer packaged goods (CPG) company.

While completing my degree in business at Wilfrid Laurier University, I was able to partake in the co-op program that allowed me to gain real world experience.

I was fortunate to get placements at Disney Consumer Products and Unilever, both great CPG companies. Though I loved the brands and products that I worked on, I never felt in control of my projects and I found that myself and my ideas often got lost.

It was my third co-op term at QuickPlay Media that really opened my eyes to the start-up environment. I excelled in the small environment and felt like I was contributing to the company's bottom line.

I grew up believing that the more popular the brand and the company, the better the opportunity to learn



▶ Amira Dhalla

and succeed. However, through my co-op experiences, I learned that there are equal, if not greater, learning opportunities to be had in smaller, start-up companies.

I did some research on people who I had admired and realized that they were all entrepreneurs who had formed or been a part of a start-up. It was these people

who had learned the most by going against the grain and taking risks. Upon graduating, I simultaneously took two different job positions at two very different start-ups.

Where Amira is now
I am currently working as a Community Manager at My City (mycitylives.com), a digital platform for individuals to

share stories and experiences about their city through videos.

I am very passionate about Toronto and, in my job, I am able to help showcase why my city and the people are great. I love my job and I'm thankful to all my previous experiences that have led me to where I am today.

Key take-aways from Amira's school-to-work transition

- Take advantage of internship and co-op programs offered by your school. Your school's existing relationships with some of the world's biggest and best companies will help you get invaluable work experience before you even graduate.

- Pay attention to how you feel about the style of work you're expected to do and ask yourself if it's your ideal work environment. If it's not, try out other opportunities until you find something you like.

- Don't discount small businesses and start-ups: They often allow even young, inexperienced employees to contribute their ideas and can give you much more responsibility and control over your work than larger companies.

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Sports in brief



Ryan Kesler scored his second power-play goal at 10:45 of overtime, and Vancouver beat Nashville 3-2 and grabbed a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series. Kesler scored his first two goals of the post-season and had an assist. Chris Higgins had the other goal for Vancouver.

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Caps pushed to the verge

- Two late goals have Lightning one win away from conference final
- Roloson stopped 29 shots for Lightning ► Game 4 is tonight in Tampa



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► Capitals players and coach Bruce Boudreau watch the final moments of their Game 3 loss in Tampa last night.

Steven Stamkos and Ryan Malone scored 24 seconds apart in the third period last night as the streaking Tampa Bay Lightning beat Washington 4-3 to push the top-seeded Capitals to the brink of elimination in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

After winning twice in Washington, the Lightning returned home and rallied to take a commanding 3-0 series lead. Tampa Bay can advance to the conference finals with a victory at home tonight in Game 4.



LIGHTNING

CAPITALS

Vincent Lecavalier and Sean Bergenheim also scored for the fifth-seeded

Lightning, whose sixth straight post-season win gave them a commanding lead in the best-of-seven series. Tampa Bay hasn't lost since falling into a 3-1 hole against Pittsburgh in the first round.

Alex Ovechkin had a power-play goal and an assist for Washington, which led 3-2 heading into third period after Mike Knuble, John Carlson and Ovechkin scored in the second.

The momentum shifted suddenly on Stamkos's fourth goal of the playoffs.

The sellout crowd of 20,613 had barely stopped celebrating when Malone — camped to the right of Capitals goalie Michal Neuvirth — directed Nate Thompson's pass into the left corner of the net for a 4-3 lead with 14:13 remaining.

Tampa Bay won three straight games to knock out Pittsburgh and is now just a victory away from reaching the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since the Lightning won their only Stanley Cup title in 2004.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Junior camp set for city

Kevin Prendergast is in the early stages of scouting Canada's next junior men's hockey team, but indications are Canada will be smaller and more skilled than the previous edition.

Hockey Canada announced yesterday in Edmonton the junior team's summer evaluation camp will be held in the city Aug. 3-6 at Rexall Place.

Both Edmonton and Calgary are the host cities of the 2012 world under-20 men's championship starting Dec. 26.

Prendergast, hired as Hockey Canada's head scout last year after 20 years in the Edmonton Oilier organization, will invite about 44 players to summer camp.

He was in Ontario scouting the first game of the OHL championship series yesterday between Owen Sound and Mississauga.

Canada suffered a third-period collapse at the 2011 world junior championship in Buffalo, N.Y. After Canada built a 3-0 lead, Russia scored five goals to win the gold medal.

"Last year's team was pretty much a blue-collar team that was big, hard-working and fit the bill of (head coach) Dave Cameron's type of coaching," Prendergast said.

"What I think we're going to have this year, we're going to be a lot smaller, but we're also going to be a lot more skilled."

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PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

CONFERENCE SEMI-FINALS
(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON VS. TAMPA BAY
(Tampa Bay leads 3-0)

Last night's result

Tampa Bay 4 Washington 3

Tonight's game

Washington at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

Saturday's game

x-Tampa Bay at Washington, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, May 9

x-Washington at Tampa Bay, TBA

Wednesday, May 11

x-Tampa Bay at Washington, TBA

PHILADELPHIA VS. BOSTON

(Boston leads 2-0)

Monday's result

Boston 3 Philadelphia 2 (OT)

Tonight's game

Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.

Friday's game

Philadelphia at Boston, 8 p.m.

Sunday's game

x-Boston at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10

x-Philadelphia at Boston, TBA

Thursday, May 12

x-Boston at Philadelphia, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER VS. NASHVILLE

(Vancouver leads 2-1)

Last night's game

Vancouver 3 Nashville 2 (OT)

Tomorrow's game

Vancouver at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's game

Nashville at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

Monday, May 9

x-Vancouver at Nashville, TBA

Wednesday, May 11

x-Nashville at Vancouver, TBA

SAN JOSE VS. DETROIT

(San Jose leads 2-0)

Tonight's game

San Jose at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Friday's game

San Jose at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Sunday's game

x-Detroit at San Jose, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10

x-San Jose at Detroit, TBA

Thursday, May 12

x-Detroit at San Jose, TBA

x — if necessary.

CANUCKS 3, PREDATORS 2 (OT)

First Period

1. Nashville, Legwand 3 (Suter, Spaling) 10:18 (sh)

Penalties — Smithson Nash (roughing) 9:38,

Lapierre Vcr (interference) 12:29, Smithson

Nash (high-sticking) 19:42.

Second Period

2. Vancouver, Kesler 1 (Ehrhoff, D.Sedin) 1:00 (pp)

Penalties — Fisher Nash (tripping) 5:22,

Lapierre Vcr (slashing) 8:08, Kesler Vcr (high-

sticking) 18:22.

Third Period

3. Vancouver, Higgins 3 (Kesler, Edler) 3:03

4. Nashville, Ward 4 (Erat) 13:18

Penalties — None.

First Overtime

5. Vancouver, Kesler 2 (Samuelsson, Ehrhoff)

10:45 (pp)

Penalty — Weber Nash (hooking) 10:05.

Shots

Vancouver 15 9 16 7 —47

Nashville 8 4 14 4 —30

Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (W,6-4-0);

Nashville: Rinne (L,5-4-0). Power plays (goals-

chances) — Vancouver: 2-4; Nashville: 0-3.

Referees — Chris Lee, Tim Peel. Linesmen —

Scott Driscoll, Brad Kovachik.

Att. — 17,113 (17,113) at Nashville, Tenn.

LIGHTNING 4, CAPITALS 3

First Period

1. Tampa Bay, Bergenheim 5 (Moore, Downie) 11:03

Penalties — R.Jones TB (interference) 7:13,

Washington bench (too many men; served by

Ovechkin) 7:48, Knuble Wash (elbowing) 15:27.

Second Period

2. Washington, Knuble 2 (Ovechkin) 0:59

3. Washington, Carlson 1 (Chimera, Johans-

son) 7:58

4. Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 5 (St.Louis, Purcell) 11:51

5. Washington, Ovechkin 5 (Semin, Green)

17:27 (pp)

Penalties — Backstrom Wash (holding stick)

12:45, Brewer TB (holding) 13:50, Clark TB

(hooking) 15:52, Hall TB (hooking) 16:26,

Arnott Wash (slashing) 17:51.

Third Period

6. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 4 (Hedman) 5:23

7. Tampa Bay, Malone 2 (Thompson, Hall) 5:47

Penalty — Hall TB (hooking) 8:57.

Shots

Washington 13 14 5 —32

Tampa Bay 8 7 15 —30

Goal — Washington: Neuviirth (L,4-4-0); Tampa

Bay: Roloson (W,7-3-0). Power plays (goals-

chances) — Washington: 1-5; Tampa Bay: 0-4.

Referees — Paul Devorski, Dan O'Rourke.

Linesmen — Steve Barton, Steve Miller.

Att. — 20,613 (19,758) at Tampa, Fla.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	1	11	12
P.Bergeron, Bos	2	9	11
St.Louis, TB	5	5	10
Lecavalier, TB	4	6	10
Cammalleri, Mtl	3	7	10
Briere, Pha	7	2	9
Clowe, SJ	4	5	9
Marchand, Bos	4	5	9
Downie, TB	2	7	9
Datsyuk, Det	2	6	8
Perry, Ana	2	6	8
Purcell, TB	1	7	8
van Riemsdyk, Pha	7	0	7
Selanne, Ana	6	1	7
D.Sedin, Vcr	5	2	7
Burrows, Vcr	4	3	7
Kelly, Bos	4	3	7
Ovechkin, Wash	4	3	7
Couture, SJ	2	5	7
Gagne, TB	2	5	7
Gagnani, Buf	1	6	7
S.Koivu, Ana	1	6	7
Horton, Bos	4	2	6
Keith, Chi	4	2	6
Krejci, Bos	4	2	6
Fisher, Nash	3	3	6
Ward, Nash	3	3	6
Bolland, Chi	2	4	6
Getzlaf, Ana	2	4	6
Hossa, Chi	2	4	6
Reschi, Bos	2	4	6
J.Thornton, SJ	2	4	6
Brewer, TB	1	5	6
P.Kane, Chi	1	5	6
Laich, Wash	1	5	6
Myers, Buf	1	5	6
M.Richards, Pha	1	5	6
Timonen, Pha	1	5	6

I.White, SJ	1	5	6
Vanek, Buf	5	0	5
Bergenheim, TB	4	1	5
Pavelski, SJ	4	1	5
Semin, Wash	4	1	5
Doan, Phx	3	2	5
Clifford, LA	3	2	5
Gionta, Mtl	3	2	5
Leino, Pha	3	2	5
Sharp, Chi	3	2	5
Stamkos, TB	3	2	5
S.Weber, Nash	3	2	5
Frolik, Chi	2	3	5
Heatley, SJ	2	3	5
Holmstrom, Det	2	3	5
Johansson, Wash	2	3	5
Marleau, SJ	2	3	5
Moore, TB	2	3	5
Richardson, LA	2	3	5
Plekanez, Mtl	2	3	5
Smyth, LA	2	3	5
Spaling, Nash	2	3	5
Vrbata, Phx	2	3	5

Last night's game not included

HOCKEY

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MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Bratislava and Kosice, Slovakia

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Group A	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	3	2	1	0	0	9	5	8
Russia	3	2	0	0	1	10	9	6
Slovakia	3	1	0	0	2	9	9	3
Slovenia	3	0	0	1	2	7	12	1
Group B	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pts
Canada	3	2	1	0	0	17	5	8
Switzerland	3	1	1	1	0	8	5	6
France	3	0	1	1	1	3	11	3
Belarus	3	0	0	1	2	3	10	1
Group C	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pts
United States	2	2	0	0	0	9	3	6
Sweden	2	1	0	1	0	7	5	4
Norway	2	0	1	0	1	7	8	2
Austria	2	0	0	0	2	1	8	0
Group D	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pts
Czech Rep.	2	2	0	0	0	10	2	6
Finland	2	1	1	0	0	8	3	5
Latvia	2	0	0	1	1	4	7	1
Denmark	2	0	0	0	2	1	11	0

Note: 3 points for a regulation win, 2 for an

overtime win and 1 for an overtime loss.

Yesterday's results

At Kosice

Canada 4, Switzerland 3, OT

France 2, Belarus 1, OT

At Bratislava

Germany 3, Slovenia 2, SO

Russia 4, Slovakia 3

Monday's results

At Bratislava

Czech Republic 6, Denmark 0

Finland 3, Latvia 2, SO

At Kosice

United States 4, Norway 2

Sweden 3, Austria 0

Today's games

All times Eastern

At Bratislava

Denmark vs. Latvia, 10:15 a.m.

Finland vs. Czech Republic, 2:15 p.m.

At Kosice

Austria vs. Norway, 10:15 a.m.

Sweden vs. U.S., 2:15 p.m.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	17	10	.630	—	
Tampa Bay	16	13	.552	2	
Boston	14	15	.483	4	
Baltimore	13	15	.464	4½	
Toronto	13	16	.448	5	
CENTRAL DIVISION					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	19	8	.704	—	
Kansas City	16	13	.552	4	
Detroit	13	17	.433	7½	
Minnesota	10	18	.357	9½	
Chicago	11	20	.355	10	
WEST DIVISION					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Texas	16	13	.552	—	
Los Angeles	16	14	.533	½	
Oakland	15	14	.517	1	
Seattle	13	16	.448	3	

Last night's results

Tampa Bay 3 Toronto 2

Minnesota 1 Chicago White Sox 0

Detroit 4 N.Y. Yankees 2

Boston 7 L.A. Angels 3

Kansas City 6 Baltimore 5 (10 innings)

Cleveland at Oakland

Texas at Seattle

Monday's results

Oakland 5 Texas 4 (10 innings)

Chicago White Sox 6 Baltimore 2

N.Y. Yankees 5 Detroit 3

Boston 9 L.A. Angels 5

Today's games

All times Eastern

Minnesota (Blackburn 1-4) at Chicago White

Sox (Danks 0-4), 2:10 p.m.

Toronto (Morrow 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Nie-

mann 1-3), 6:40 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (F.Garcia 1-1) at Detroit

(Scherzer 4-0), 7:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels (E.Santana 1-3) at Boston (Beck-

ett 2-1), 7:10 p.m.

Baltimore (Arrieta 3-1) at Kansas City

(Davies 1-3), 8:10 p.m.

Cleveland (Tomlin 4-0) at Oakland (Cahill 4-

0), 10:05 p.m.

Texas (C.Wilson 3-1) at Seattle (Pineda 4-1),

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drive

By comparison

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Bumper

On the TL's behind, there's a new bumper with built-in reflectors along with fresh taillights, trunklid trim and exhaust outlets.

Besides the front, the rest of the TL's physical presence remains pretty much static, save for a new selection of standard and optional multi-spoke wheels.

Interior

Further refinements can be found inside the passenger area with upgraded trim, available ventilated front seats and an optional voice-recognition sound system that can store up to 3,500 songs on a 15-gigabyte hard drive.

As usual, the TL, even in base form, arrives as a well-turned-out vehicle, but there are a number of significant extra-cost features on the menu. The Technology Package includes a navigation system with traffic and weather updates, 440-watt ELS-brand sound system, premium leather-covered seats and keyless push-button start.

Engine

Continuing on is the base 280-horsepower 3.5-litre V6 (which sports new friction-reducing pistons for 2012) and the optional 305-horsepower 3.7-litre V6.

However, Acura has swapped out the previous standard five-speed automatic transmission for a six-speed. The name of the game here is fuel economy and Acura reports that the 3.5 is now rated at 10.4 l/100 km in the city and 6.8 on the highway.



► After a daring redesign for the 2009 model year, Acura clawed back the more controversial styling elements, such as the some-would-say-bizarre rear finish panel on the trunk. If you don't know what we're talking about, then the design change worked.

New nose is
good news

Staying a step or two ahead of the competition can be a risky move, especially if you manufacture cars for a living.

Sign off on a decidedly different design and the distance between success and failure can be just a nip, tuck, or crease away.



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Take the TL, for example. Acura's sporty sedan has always ranked high with buyers for its combination of spaciousness, styling and performance, all at an attractive price point.

However, the car's 2009-model-year makeover for the upscale-Honda-

division's top-selling sedan garnered less-than-favourable reviews, particularly for the oddly-shaped, shield-like grille and a bumper that resembled a ship's prow.

So, for the 2012 model year, the stylists have taken a scalpel to that bit of frontal daring-do and also completed numerous other modifications throughout the vehicle.

On the road, the TL,

which starts at about \$41,400 including destination charges, rides and drives pretty much like the previous edition and exhibits the same excellent road manners and interior refinement that has made it such a popular choice over the years.

Now with a host of subtle, but significant, improvements in design and content, the TL will no doubt have broader appeal.

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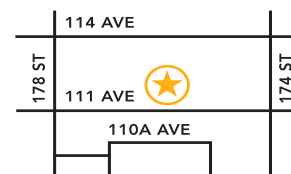
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My dear mother turned 80 last Saturday. On our way to the birthday bash, I caught myself thinking that she might not show up for her own party.

Because a few weeks earlier she flunked the written "multiple choice" test all Ontario drivers must pass if they want to continue driving after they hit 80 years of age.

After the test, a driver

examiner came out to talk with her, and subsequently decided that if she wanted to keep her license, she would not only need to try the written test again and pass it, but also pass an actual driving test.

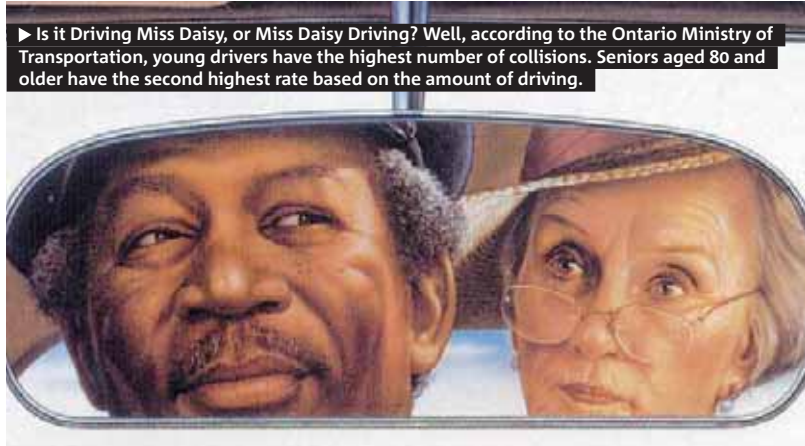
No thanks, said my mom, I'm done.

So Saturday was not only her 80th birthday, but also the last day she would ever again hold a valid driver's license.

So I half-pictured her suddenly deciding to blow the party off, in favour of getting behind the wheel of her 2004 Hyundai four-door Accent, and heading off for one last monumental road trip, possibly to Vegas, possibly picking up an assortment of hitchhikers along the way.

Turned out she was game for the party, and actually not too melancholy about re-entering another non-driving phase of her life.

Her first non-driving



► Is it Driving Miss Daisy, or Miss Daisy Driving? Well, according to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, young drivers have the highest number of collisions. Seniors aged 80 and older have the second highest rate based on the amount of driving.

phase was actually quite a stretch. She only started to drive the year after my father died. He died at 50.

Mom got her license at 50.

My brother and I taught her, first taking her where our father first taught us — the cemetery. With its little-used network of mini streets, the cemetery was a perfect training course.

And we had to go there a lot anyway, so it was convenient, though too emotionally busy at the time for my taste.

My father was a natural, confident, and graceful driver. My mother is the other kind.

But she persevered and practiced and got her license on the first try. She evolved into a pretty de-

cent driver. Her accidents were mostly minor in nature.

In retrospect, she should have developed a better technique for backing up.

Generally, she just swiveled her head about five degrees in either direction, pretended to look at the side mirrors, then stared straight at the rear-view mirror, commenced

reversing, and hoped for the best.

She lives in the suburbs. Everyone, including me, is encouraging her to hire cabs whenever she feels like getting out — and not just for emergencies.

But it will be tough going for a while. She grew up in a country and in an era where they boiled a lot of potato soup. Jumping into a cab, just to get out of the house, will not feel entirely natural.

Her flexibility and freedom and range of social interaction have all diminished somewhat.

But that's the way it is... Not everybody should be driving well into old age, and she's of that group.

Just so happens our daughter, Amelia, turns 16 later this year and is aching to get her license.

She asked "Oma" if she could borrow the Driver's Handbook.

"It's yours," said Oma. Just saved \$14.95 plus HST.

Patient shopping is key for this Caddy

► Escalade hit the mark for styling and luxury, looks fairly reliable

SECOND GEAR



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A pioneering icon of the Luxury SUV scene, Cadillac's

Escalade launched in its second generation for the 2002 model year.

Featuring GM truck-frame construction, massive size and enough chrome bling to deck out a rap group, this humongous, comfortable and stylish rig was a hit with shoppers

What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2002 to 2006 Cadillac Escalade
- **Vehicle Type:** Luxury SUV
- **Approximate used price range:** \$9,000 to \$25,000

from various walks.

Of course, Escalade isn't the cheapest way to get you and yours around, new or used — so for many, something a little more modest may make a lot more sense.

If you're interested in a hauler with maximum visibility to passersby, standard V8 power, all the goodies, and plenty of pop-culture relevance, the Escalade has few rivals.

Look for a standard six-litre V8 engine with 345 horsepower and a decision-free All Wheel Drive (AWD) system. A four-speed automatic was standard, and goodies included a sunroof, dual-zone climate control and a full leather interior. Where bells and whistles are concerned, the Escalade won't disappoint.

Neither will selection. Escalade was available in standard, extended-length ESV



► 2006 Cadillac Escalade ESV Platinum

and pickup-based EXT variants.

What Owners Like

Head-turning looks, power output, interior styling and space, versatility, all-weather confidence, comfort and even highway fuel mileage were all highly rated by Escalade owners taking to the internet to share their experiences.

Some even say that relative to its size, the Escalade

is easy to park.

What Owners Hate

Some owners wish for less road and wind noise, a more powerful audio system, smaller blind spots and an easier time boarding and exiting the vehicle.

Common Issues

Be sure to have any Escalade you're considering from this generation inspected by a mechanic on a hoist for signs of oil leakage

from the axles, differential, AWD transfer case and engine. If there's any leakage present, bad seals may be to blame.

Double check for proper operation of any and all interior features, including all windows, locks, the sunroof, the ONStar system, navigation and audio systems, and the climate control. Repairing or replacing any of these systems will be expensive — so be sure they're all working properly. Also, ensure the steering wheel returns to centre after making a turn. If it doesn't, service to the steering system may be required.

Due to the complexity of the Escalade's various systems, shoppers are advised to purchase from a certified used Cadillac dealer and have a pre-purchase inspection carried out for extra peace of mind.

The Verdict

Where luxury and styling are concerned, the Escalade hits the mark as a used SUV buy. Shop patiently, have an inspection, and opt for any extra warranty coverage that might be available — just to be safe.

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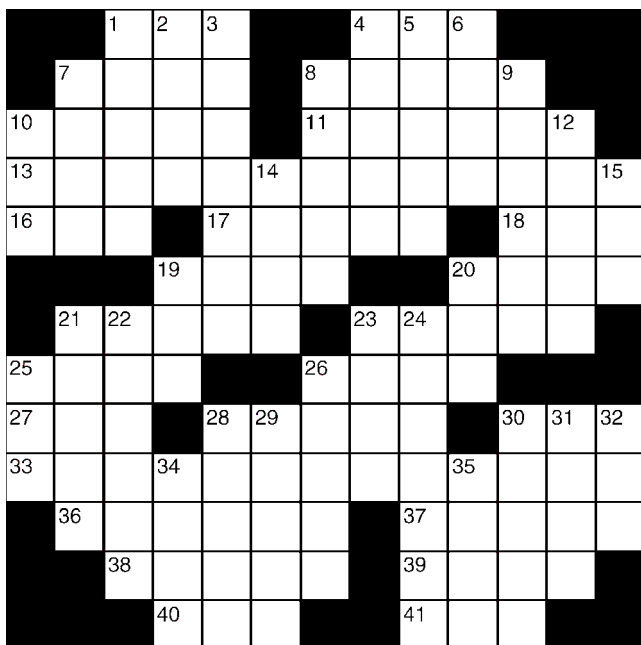
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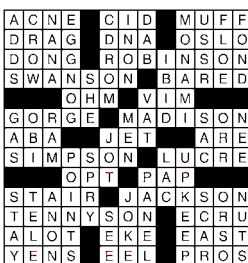
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Walter

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►



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Q,
Sorry hon. I love my girl. She deserves my heart and has been there for 3 yrs now, we are going to grow old together. Goodbye & good luck. **FROM A**

My Crush,
I would like to tell you what you know already, hold your hand and know that u love me as much as i do. But its complicated when the fear of having ur heart broken is stronger than you. Therefore, reassure me and give me a chance and i promise you that your heart will be safe with me
From VANESSA

Nadia, Your smile is my sunrise, your kiss is my sunset. Thank you for being the most wonderful woman, friend, mother, wife and companion. Thank you for standing by me. I love you. Your husband **JORGE**

A look at the weather

TODAY Min 5° Max 13°
THURSDAY Min 5° Max 14°
FRIDAY Min 4° Max 18°

Michele McDougall Weather Specialist

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You need to make changes in the way you use your resources.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The planets in their courses will make it easy for you to excel over the next few days.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 No matter how bad things might seem at the moment, they will get better very soon.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Even if things go wrong today, it won't stop you from believing that your life is blessed. It is.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Don't do things just to impress others. Do things that mean something to you personally.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Get away from your usual environment for a while. The world is yours to explore.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you don't do something about overspending, the consequences could be dire.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You won't get far under your own steam today, so ask for help.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Make sure you're on top of what you have to do and that you do an excellent job of it.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Focus on the one aim that means more than anything.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The only way out of your predicament is to identify your problem and do something.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Shout if you have to. Don't let others drown out your voice.
● SALLY BROMPTON

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